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September 10, 2007

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

This letter concerns the appointment and recent actions of Mr. Judd Hanna as a member of the State Fish and Game Commission.

Mr. Hanna's behavior has raised serious questions about his suitability to hold this position. Rather than to sit in impartial judgment of the evidence and facts presented to the Commission by the various stakeholders relative to subjects within the Commission's jurisdiction, he has become an outspoken advocate seeking to achieve his own personal objectives by influencing the Commission's actions. As a Commissioner, he has influence above and beyond that of the public, and should not submit information as a charade that will be considered with the same weight as the rest of the public's input. In short, there is grave concern that Mr. Hanna is not being impartial relative to his participation in the Commission's decision making.

For example, he recently prepared a 167 page document, largely a compendium of other peoples' work but with his own personal annotations added throughout, in an effort to support a lead ammunition ban, while his duties as a Commissioner simultaneously required him to impartially consider the issue at this informational hearing. He then distributed the annotated document to the other Commissioners as preparation for the Commission hearing on this subject that was to be held August 27, 2007. When questioned about this at the hearing by a member of the public, he said the document was just for informational purposes. However, his annotations added to the document speak differently.

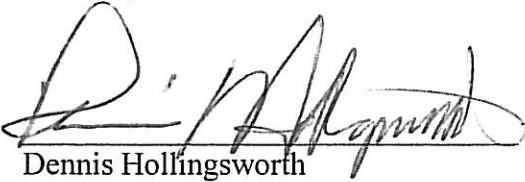
Another fundamental issue is that the Commission is severely unbalanced in its geographic representation of the people of California. There are three Commissioners from the northern part of the state and two from north coastal regions. There are no

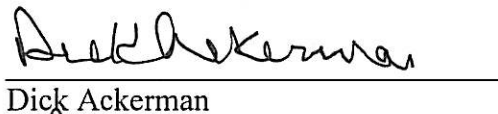
Commissioners from Southern California where the majority of Californians reside. Fairness dictates there should be representation from the southern portion of the state.

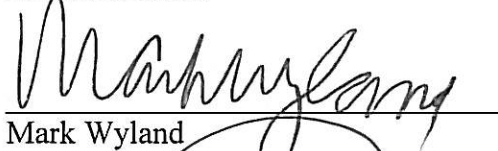
In view of the fact that Mr. Hanna is the most recent appointment to a full term position on the Commission, the fact that he is one of three Commissioners from the overly represented northern part of the state, and his conduct while serving as a Commission member, it would be both desirable and appropriate to replace him on the Commission with a representative from Southern California, one who will sit in unbiased judgment of the issues before the Commission. Though the north would still be heavily represented relative to its population, the south would at least have representation.


Accordingly, we ask that Mr. Hanna be removed from the Commission and replaced with an unbiased representative from Southern California.

Sincerely,

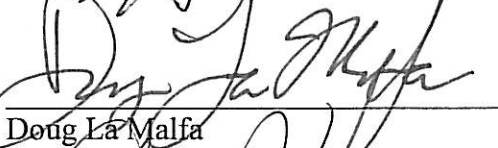

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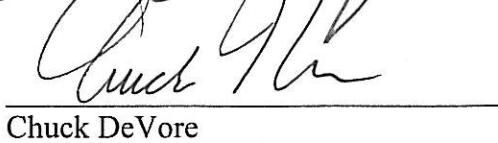

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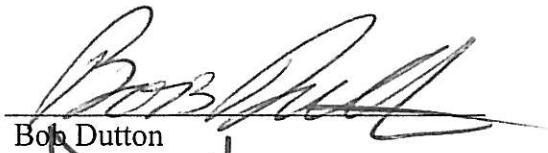

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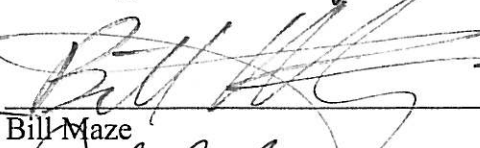

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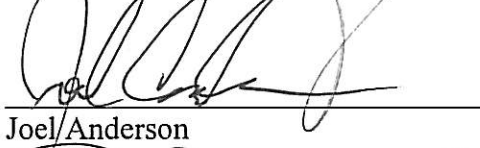

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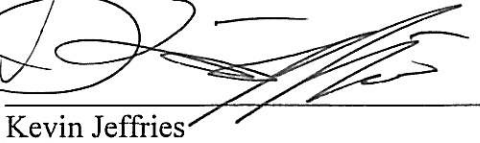

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